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| <p>(54) Title: AN AUDIO VIDEO NETWORK</p> <p>(57) Abstract</p> <p>A method and system for providing seamless interoperability and integration between a plurality of devices in a network using a common protocol, wherein at least one of the devices is a legacy device which communicates with the network using a proprietary protocol. When a legacy device is coupled to the network, one of the plurality of devices on the network queries the legacy device via the proprietary protocol to determine a set of basic capabilities supported by the legacy device. The set of basic capabilities are then mapped from the proprietary protocol to a set of basic commands from the common protocol. A control module is generated for the legacy device, wherein the control module is based upon the set of basic commands. The set of basic capabilities of the legacy device are then accessed via the control module, thereby providing seamless interoperability and integration of the legacy device with the plurality of devices.</p> | | | |
| <pre> graph TD 1601[Add a Legacy Device to a HAVI Network] --> 1602[Query the Legacy Device to Determine a Set of Basic Capabilities] 1602 --> 1603[Map a Set of Basic Commands to the Set of Basic Capabilities of the Legacy Device] 1603 --> 1604[Generate a Level 1 DCM for the Legacy Device Based Upon the Set of Basic Commands] 1604 --> 1605[Access the Legacy Device via the Level 1 DCM] 1605 --> 1606[Continue] </pre> | | | |

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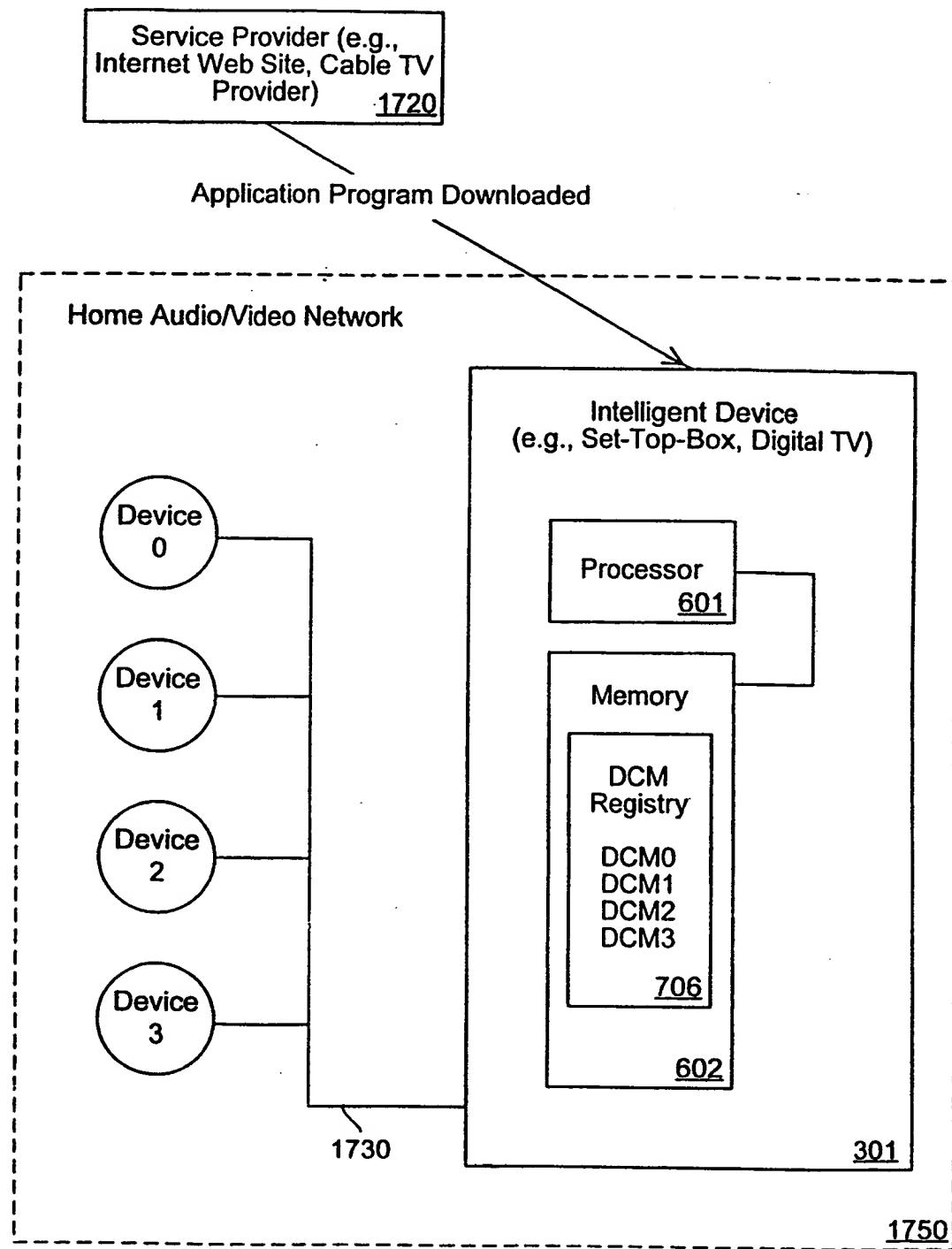


FIG. 17B